Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Office of the Secretary,

Boston, Nov. 17th 1891.

My dear Sir,

I have a moment in which to call your attention to the specimens of Camptosorus, mailed to you to-day, kindly gathered for me within a few days by my friend Mr Fuller of Wenham - an excellent & reliable botanist, to whom years since I revealed the original station of the plant and who has protected it carefully from then to now. Mr F. tells me the fronds are more flourishing than ever. It was quite by accident, as you may suppose, that in October, 1879 I came upon the fern growing in the cleft of a pasture boulder scarcely a stone's throw from the station at Charles River Village. That its growth, which seems so natural & just to me, is wholly unknown I have no shadow of doubt, nor has Mr Davenport Atkins - to whom long ago I described the locality. We have simply to modify the limestone contradiction - that is all.

Sincerely Yours

Chas. All Cheever

Yours very faithfully.

Secretary of State.

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